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1. Eight twin-engine aircraft were parked on the edge of the FINSTERWALDE (N 52/A 15) airfield in the morning. The hangars were closed.

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2. The radio station of about 25 high masts, previously located in the southern section of FINSTERWALDE, was no longer there. The area was unguarded.

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3. 48 twin-engine aircraft, presumably Pe-2s, landed at the airfield. Flying, partly in formation, was very great in the following three weeks. The quarters at the field and in the town previously occupied by Soviet Air Force troops were allegedly reoccupied.

Comment:

- a. The report confirms that the field was occupied by a bomber unit in the first half of September 1949.

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- b. According to the Pe-2s so far observed at the field, the unit is probably of regimental strength.

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